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I think the proposed settlement with Microsoft is a bad idea. Microsoft has shown by their behavior over a number of years that they will ignore any government orders that they do not want to obey.

I was appalled when I read that Microsoft said they wouldn't agree to proposed remedies. This is just another example of the continuing arrogance of the top people of the company. Defendants don't have to agree with remedies ordered by a court, they just have to follow them. Or it was this way last time I checked. If I were in court, I certainly wouldn't get to pick and choose my punishment, why should they?

If they are not handed a remedy that will change their behavior, then they will finally know for certain that they can get away with anything.

They should be punished for not only their current behavior, but for not following previous remedies.

It's not very hard to see that their behavior has resulted in severely restricted choices in available software packages over the last ten years. It's hard to see how this situation is of any benefit to consumers.

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